

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 139A.8, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 7, “Immunization and Immunization Education: Persons Attending Elementary or Secondary Schools, Licensed Child Care Centers, or Institutions of Higher Education,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 7 describe immunization requirements for attendance at elementary or secondary schools or licensed child care centers and requirements for immunization education of students entering institutions of higher education.

These amendments make a change to the childhood vaccination schedule, specifically affecting the polio vaccine, based upon a new recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The amendments also add a new use of the immunization registry, which allows the Department to track inventory or utilization of pharmaceutical agents to prepare for or respond to an emergency event.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on these proposed amendments on or before January 5, 2010. Such written materials should be directed to Bridget Konz, Bureau of Disease Prevention and Immunization, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; fax (800)831-6292. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Immunization at (515)281-7228.

Also, there will be a public hearing on January 5, 2010, from 9 to 10 a.m., at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

This hearing will originate from the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) Room on the Sixth Floor of the Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and will be accessible over the ICN from the following additional locations:

- Mason City – Mason City High School, 1700 4th St. S, Room 276
- Ottumwa – Ottumwa Regional Health Center, 1001 E. Pennsylvania, Room 247
- Bettendorf – Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Drive, Room 465
- Sioux City – West High School, 2001 Casselman
- Council Bluffs – Council Bluffs Community School District, 2501 W. Broadway, Room 106
- Waterloo – Department of Human Services, Pinecrest Office Building, 1407 Independence Avenue

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those relating to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Immunization and advise of specific needs.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 8377B**. The content of that submission is incorporated by reference.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 139A.8.